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1. In order to generate a propitious atmosphere for Otto Grotewohl's German unification campaign, the DDR propaganda outlets have been broadcasting the allegation that the Volkspolizei has not only ceased expanding, but is actually discharging some of its troops.
2. In actuality, however, the "discharged" Volkspolizei members are being accommodated in various government offices where they assume clerical posts and simultaneously keep up their military standing by serving in the Werk-schutz guard units. From time to time they will be relieved to take special military training courses.
3. The DAHA organization in Berlin has received 12 Volkspolizei men who have been put to work in the registry and in the statistical section. In the month of March 1951, however, they will be dispatched to the police school in Luckenwalde for four weeks' light tank training.
4. The situation in the Thuringian town of Ilmenau points up the manner in which the DDR is being brought up to a high state of mobilization. This town of 10,000 inhabitants contains approximately 4,000 Wismut A.G. workers, 800 of whom are SED members. These 800 men report twice weekly for military and ideological training sessions. Thus, a town of only 10,000 inhabitants is being processed to yield no less than one full-sized battalion of potential troops.

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